



Worship Service for  
Sixth Sunday of Easter  
May 25, 2025

## Glory to God Alone

**Prelude** “Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Innes

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Psalm 103:1-5

**\*Hymn of Praise** “Now Thank We All Our God”

LUYH 543

**\*Psalm**

Psalm 103:8-12

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**\*Song of Praise** “He Will Hold Me Fast”

Habershon/Merker

## Grace Alone

### **Call to Confession**

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

### **The Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and to humbly confess to you our unbelief.**

**While we know and believe that Jesus died for us on the cross and that he was raised for us from the dead, we admit it often makes little difference in our lives. Forgive us, we pray.**

**Enable us to fully embrace the truth of the gospel:  
that our love for you may flourish, that our obedience may be wholehearted and joyful, and that our witness may be more courageous.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and triumphant Lord.  
Amen.**

## **Words of Assurance**

Hear the comforting words: But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 2 Corinthians 12:9

All who believe in Christ receive forgiveness of sins through his name.  
**Thanks be to God for his grace and forgiveness. Amen.**

## **Call to Holy Living**

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8

## **Welcome**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

### **\*Song of Praise “Take, O Take Me as I Am”**

LUYH 741

## **Scripture Alone**

## **Sacrament of Baptism**

Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God’s call to us;**  
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**

## **The Exhortation**

Dearly beloved, Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith.

Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Here we ask our heavenly Father that Bridget and Graham, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, and received into the Church as a living member of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant them that which by nature they cannot have.

## **The Presentation**

Pastor: The candidates for baptism will now be presented.

Parents: We present Bridget Lucile DeLange to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Parents: We present Graham James Beswick to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Pastor: Today, on behalf of your daughter and your son, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their soul.

When they have embraced all these, they are to make a profession of faith, publicly claiming the faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom. Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents: We are, the Lord being our helper.

\*To the congregation:

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Bridget and Graham by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

**We do, the Lord being our helper.**

Let us join with the Beswick's and the De Lange's to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

\*Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I do. I believe in God the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

**I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by  
the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**I do. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life- everlasting. Amen.**

## **The Baptism**

Bridget Lucile DeLange, I baptize you in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Graham James Beswick, I baptize you in the Name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

We pray this prayer of blessing for these and all our children:

**O God, you have readied such wonderful things for those who love you,  
things that go beyond what we can grasp. Please pour into our hearts a deep  
love for you, so that loving you in all things and above all else, we may receive  
your promises, which are greater than anything we could desire.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

**Baptism Song "What the Lord Has Done in Me"**

LUYH 800 v.1-3

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.  
They are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

## **Prayer of Illumination**

### **The Scripture Reading** Ephesians 1:3-10

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This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

### **The Sermon “Grace Alone”**

#### **\*Hymn of Response** “My Jesus, I Love Thee”

LUYH 366 v. 1,2,4

### **Prayers of the People....conclude with The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.**

### **The Offering** *Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity*

#### **Offertory** “My Jesus, I Love thee”

arr. Hughes

## **Christ Alone**

#### **\*Closing Hymn** “Lord, I Gladly Trust”

LUYH 354 v. 1,2

### **\*Benediction**

#### **Postlude** “Amazing Grace”

arr. Young

### **Credits & Liturgical Notes**

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Flute:** Karen Katje

**Organ:** Cathy Schaaf

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Vocalists:** Patrice Frantz, Paul LaMaire

**Prayer of the People:** Erik Veker

We display music on the screen. LUYH (red hymnal) in pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

## Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

## This Sunday:

**Special Offering:** *Tri-Cities Area Habitat for Humanity* has built over 60 simple, decent and affordable homes in the Tri-Cities. Our hope is to eliminate substandard housing in our area.

**Walk Out Worship:** *4s-1st grade* will learn about Jesus' Great Commission and his ascension. *2nd-5th grade* will have 'a final remembering' and spend time discussing the stories they have learned since September.

## Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Jan Zuidema will be having hip replacement surgery at Holland Hospital on Wednesday, May 28. Please pray for peace of mind, a good outcome, a swift recovery, and that this will be the last leg in this mobility journey.

Gord and Mary Buitendorp covet your prayers as they make difficult decisions regarding ongoing care for Mary's incurable cancer diagnosis. A meal train has been set-up, sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/n4416e>.

"I am home after my hospitalization due to splenic infarction. The doctors have diagnosed her with leukemia and hemolytic anemia. She is also scheduled for inpatient surgery due to a blood clot, the week of June 1. Thank you for your prayers, cards and meals that have supported us. I'm blessed to be part of this amazing church family." ~ Darcie Clapp

## Church Announcements:

**Full Council Updates:** Council has finalized the budget for church year 2025-26. You will find printed copies in your mailbox. We have also scheduled a town hall meeting on Sunday, June 1 at 11:30am to answer your budget questions.

Additionally, the following are nominated as office bearers for 2025-2026:

Leadership Board Elder – Alan Van Dyke  
Leadership Board Deacon – Patti Steigenga  
Care Board Elder – Jay Knochenhauer

A congregational meeting for voting to affirm both the budget and nominees will be held on Sunday June 8.

**Bridal Showers:**

A co-ed dessert shower for **Laura deJong**, our former pastor, will be held Sunday June 8 at 7pm. She will marry Justin Eisinga on July 5. Due to combining two households and their residence being in Canada, please consider a monetary gift to help purchase new appliances. All gifts should be anonymous, with congratulatory cards given separately. All are warmly encouraged to attend. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

Join us on Saturday June 21 at 9:30am for a brunch shower to celebrate the marriage of **Sydney Fritz** to Trevor Reeths. Their wedding date is August 15. They are registered at Target. Everyone is welcome! And please remember, all gifts are given anonymously. *Please sign up at the Welcome Desk by Sunday, June 15.*

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, August 12 at 7pm, for a dessert shower to celebrate **Sarah Katje's** upcoming wedding to Bryan Jones! More information to follow!

**Calling All Bakers:** Pastor Laura remembers fondly the yummy desserts lovingly made by our congregation. Please help us out for her shower on June 8<sup>th</sup> by signing up at the Welcome Desk to bring a 9x13 dessert. Your contribution will be very much appreciated.

**Children's Ministry Families:** Let's celebrate Summer together. Join us at Pottawatomie Park on Saturday June 7 at 9:30 am for playground fun and snacks. Address is 15600 Comstock St, Grand Haven.

**Midweek Gathering:** We have concluded our Spring Midweek Gathering. A heartfelt thank you to all who have cooked, baked, set-up or served in the kitchen this Spring. Please save the dates of September 10- October 22 for our fall session.

**Online Pictorial Directory:** We are working on an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory. You have been invited via email to add your information and upload photos to the directory. Handouts from the Afterword are at the Welcome Desk. If you would like assistance or need a photo taken, please contact [Amy Wolffis](#).

**SWANS:** We are going to explore the life of culinary icon, Julia Child. Interactive exhibits will bring Julia's legacy to life at the Muskegon Museum of Art, so join us on June 19. Let's meet at church to carpool at 10:30am for the 11am event. Lunch afterward will be at "Toast and Jams." Although entry to the Museum is free on Thursday, the fee for this special event is \$8. Reservations are needed so call Carole at 616-502-2015 or email Barb by June 12.

**VBS:** *"True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World"* is coming up on July 14–17 from 9:15am-12pm. We are two months away and have 25 students registered. How can you help?

- Take a postcard and invite families you know with 4 year- 5th graders.
- Sign up to volunteer: classroom leaders/assistants, food preparers or craft helpers. You may even serve just one or two days.
- Pray for the week of VBS: for students to learn who Jesus is, grow in faith and be willing to share this good news with their friends.



## Volunteer Schedule

### May 25, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Harley Dyk, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Roger Hordyk (Team 8), Dan Holtrop, John Buitenhuis, Paul Marotti

**Coffee Hosts:** Mike & Karen Katje; Doug & Cheryl Diephouse

**Nursery:** Carisa Marotti, Mary Terpstra

**Little Lambs:** Cherise VanderHeide, Sydney Marotti

**Walk Out 4s-1st:** Rob/Joslyn Wagenmaker, Jenn Steigenga

**Walk Out 2nd-5th:** Annie Hoekzema, Ian Clapp

**Greeters:** Ken Terpstra, Char TerHaar & Sue Van Eerden

**Offering:** Tri Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

### June 1, 2025

**Projection:** Paul Marotti

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Todd Cunningham

**Ushers:** Eric Rotman (Team 9), Ron Frantz, Dave VanderWall, Jason Zuidema

**Coffee Hosts:** Shelia & Jim Warners - Evie Hoekzema; Jill Gallagher

**Nursery:** Mary Wierenga, Machele Knochenhauer

**Little Lambs:** Jenna Brian, Amy Wolffis

**Walk Out 4s-5th:** Sheri Van Duyn, Rio Gasser

**Greeters:** David Vander Heide, David VanderWall & Ralph Veldboom

**Offering:** Christian Schools International

## Calendar

### **Sunday, May 25**

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

### **Monday, May 26**

Office Closed

### **Tuesday, May 27**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

7 PM – Safe Church Meeting

### **Wednesday, May 28**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

### **Thursday, May 29**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

### **Friday, May 30**

### **Saturday, May 31**

### **Sunday, June 1**

10:00 AM–Worship Service

### **Monday, June 2**

9 AM-1 PM – Office Hours

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## **Give Online:**



## **Guest Registration:**

